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The claims:

1. Apparatus for the contained inspection and possible transportation of a potentially dangerous object, the apparatus comprising:
  - 5 an inspection unit, the inspection unit including at least a first section and a second section able to open to receive the object and then close to provide a sealed airtight environment for manual inspection of the object, the first section and the second section being substantially rigid, the inspection unit also including at least one glove member allowing a user external to the sealed environment of  
10 the closed inspection unit to manipulate the object within the closed inspection unit; and,  
a transportation unit, the transportation unit including at least a first section and a second section able to open to wholly receive the inspection unit and then close to provide a further sealed airtight environment containing the  
15 inspection unit, the first section and the second section of the transportation unit being substantially rigid.
2. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the  
20 inspection unit is substantially transparent.
3. The apparatus as claimed in either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein at least a portion of a body section or a base section of the inspection unit is opaque, preferably of a dark colour.  
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4. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 3, wherein the object is an envelope, mail, package, parcel, letter or the like.
5. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 4, wherein the first  
30 section and the second section of the inspection unit are adapted to be clamped or latched together.
6. The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first section and the second section of the inspection unit are hinged together.

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7. The apparatus as claimed in either claim 5 or claim 6, wherein the first section of the inspection unit is a lid section and the second section of the inspection unit is a body section or a base section.
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8. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 7, wherein the transportation unit can generally be lifted and moved by a single person..
9. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 8, wherein the user
- 10 can visually inspect the object in the inspection unit.
10. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 9, wherein two glove members are provided.
11. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 10, wherein the first section and the second section of the transportation unit are adapted to be clamped together.
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12. The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first section and the second section of the transportation unit are hinged together.
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13. The apparatus as claimed in either claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the first section of the transportation unit is a lid section and the second section of the transportation unit is a body section or a base section.
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14. The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the lid section and the body section or base section of the transportation unit are adapted to be press-sealed together.
15. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 14, wherein the transportation unit is resilient against external forces and shocks.
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16. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 15, wherein the inspection unit also includes integrated magnifying means.

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17. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 16, wherein the transportation unit includes padding or shock absorbing material.
- 5 18. The apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 17, wherein closure of the transportation unit securely holds the inspection unit placed therein.
19. Device for the contained inspection and safe transportation for further examination, if required, of received mail, the device comprising:
- 10 a substantially rigid inspection unit adapted to provide a sealed airtight environment, the inspection unit allowing a user to visually inspect received mail placed in the inspection unit, the inspection unit also including one or more glove members allowing the user to manipulate the mail within the inspection unit; and,
- 15 a substantially rigid transportation unit adapted to wholly receive and secure the inspection unit after user inspection of the mail and to provide a further sealed airtight environment and physical protection for the inspection unit during transportation.
20. The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the inspection unit and the transportation unit are each formed of substantially two distinct sections and additionally provided with one or more clamps to seal the units.
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